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1. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM HOME LEAVE, AND I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXERCISE.

2. STAFFING: IN GENERAL, I AM SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT STAFFING PATTERN, WHICH FOR MOST ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION IS DEFINITELY ON THE LEAN SIDE. I HAVE AN UNEASY FEELING, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRADITIONAL SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY (POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CONSULAR) HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY CUT BACK IN RECENT YEARS IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER ELEMENTS SUCH AS AID AND THE MILGP. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, THE BASIC CORE OF THE EMBASSY AND ARE NOW SPREAD SO THIN THAT NOT ONLY DO THEY HAVE A FAR HEAVIER DAILY WORK LOAD BUT THERE IS NO LEEWAY FOR ABSENCES SUCH AS SICKNESS, ARRIVAL AND HOME LEAVE, TRAVEL, ETC. WITHOUT SEVERE INCONVENIENCES AND ADVERSE EFFECTS UPON PRODUCTION. I SUQPOSE THIS IS NOT A SITUATUON PECULIAR TO TEGUCIGALPA BUT ONE THAT CERTAINLY NEEDS ATTENTION. THE TOUR OF DUTY HERE PROBABLY COULD NOT BE LENGTHENED WITHOUT RISKING MORALE PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY AMONG EMPLOYEES WITH CHILDREF OF SCHOOL AGE. HOWEVER, A SURPRISING NUMBER OF

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EMPLOYEES DO ASK FOR EXTENSIONS. THE BALANCE BETWEEN

VERSATILITY AND SPECIALIZATION IN OUR EMPLOYEES IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AT PRESENT, BUT THIS IS A VARIABLE WHICH COULD CHANGE WITH NEW PERSONNEL.

3. OTHER AGENCIES: SEE COMMENTS ABOVE.

4. HOUSING: ADEQUATE HOUSING IN TEGUCIGALPA IS SCARCE AND INCREASINGLY EXPENSIVE. FROM THE EMPLOYEE'S POINT OF VIEW, GREATER USE OF GOVERNMENT LEASES MAKES CONSIDERABLE SENSE, BUT I UNDERSTAND THIS IS FROWNED ON IN WASHINGTON. IN GENERAL, THE FEW ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE EMBASSY TO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ARE WORTHWHILE FROM THE VIEW-POINT OF MORALE AND SAVING OF THE EMPLOYEE'S TIME. IF THE EMPLOYEE HAD TO SEEK OUT SUCH SERVICES ON HIS OWN, IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE TO BE DONE DURING OFFICE HOURS WITH A CONSEQUENT REDUCTION OF TIME SPENT ON OFFICIAL DUTIES. WE ARE EXPANDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FSL STAFF, PARTICULARLY IN B&F, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A TRUSTED LOCAL PLACED IN CHARGE OF ALL SECURITY PERSONNEL, UNDER THE SUPERVISION* OF COURSE, OF THE EMBASSY'S AMERICAN SECURITY OFFICER.

5. MANAGEMENT: I SEE NO VIRTUE IN THE PROPOSAL TO HAVE THE DEPUTY FUNCTIONS ASSUMED BY A SECTION CHIEF. MY CONCEPT OF THE DCM'S ROLE IS THAT OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AS SUCH HE SUPERVISES THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF ALL SECTIONS AND SHOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF ANY PARTICULAR SECTION, NOT TO MENTION CONSIDERATIONS OF A MANAGEABLE WORKLOAD. THE B&F FUNCTION AT THIS POST WILL BE COMPLETELY REGIONALIZED WITHIN TWO YEARS WITH FSLs IN COMPLETE CHARGE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE STATIONED ELSEWHERE. I USE THIS OCCASION TO URGE AGAIN THE REESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSULATE IN SAN PEDRO SULA FOR REASONS ALREADY WELL DOCUMENTED. THIS WOULD RESULT IN A GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN OVERALL CONSULAR OPERATIONS WITH SPILL-OVER INTO OTHER AREAS AS WELL.

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